

HOUSE BILL 1141

By Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,  
Chapter 3, relative to no-go zones.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) For purposes of this section, “no-go zone” means a contiguous geographical area consisting of public space or privately owned public space where community organizing efforts systematically intimidate or exclude the general public or public workers from entering or being present within the area.

(b) Upon complaint, the attorney general and reporter or the attorney general and reporter’s designee is authorized to investigate the existence of a no-go zone.

(c) If the attorney general and reporter determines that a no-go zone exists within a municipality, a county, or a county having a metropolitan form of government, then the attorney general and reporter shall deliver to the United States department of justice a report that outlines the basis for such a determination.

(d) The attorney general and reporter, in coordination with the United States department of justice and local law enforcement, shall take all steps necessary to eliminate the no-go zone to enforce compliance with state and federal law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.